SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, his State, Kerala is totally connected with the communication network up to the Panchayat level.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Plan for Development of Ajanta and Ellora with Japanese Assistance

*3. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a Rs. 200 crore plan for the development of Ajanta and Ellora with Japanese assistance; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Government of India has signed a Loan Agreement with the overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan on 9th January, 1992 for financial assistance from OECF for comprehensive development for the Ajanta and Ellora Region. The total project cost is 4,406 million Yen (Rs. 81.71 crore approximately).

Privatisation of ITDC

*4. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited leading international hotel chains to join with ITDC to run and develop its major hotel properties in India;

(b) if so, what are the names of such international hotel chains to whom offers have been made;

(c) what are the terms and conditions on which they have been invited;

(d) what shall be the role of ITDC in floating such a joint venture;

(e) whether the domestic hotel industry have protested against this move; and

(f) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names are indicated in the statement attached [*See* below]. In addition, the Indian Missions in USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Singapore, Canada and Japan were also requested to advise the well known international foreign chains in their region about this scheme.

(c) and (d) The broad outline of the scheme indicated to them was that the India Tourism Development Corporation wishes to group its various properties in small groups and develop them through a joint venture company to be formed with them, a portion of the capital being also offered to employees/public/financial institutions.

(e) The Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India have represented that the Indian hotel chains may also be permitted to participate in this scheme.

(f) As a much wider range of objectives was being served by the scheme as formulated, it was not found feasible to agree to other suggestions.

Statement

Names of international Hotel Chains Invited by ITDC to offer their participation in Forming Joint Venture Company

Sl. No.	Name of Hotel
1.	Four Seasons Pte Ltd. Singapore
2.	Meridien Hotels, Paris, France
3.	Trusthouse Forte Plc. England
4	Movenpick Hotels, Zurerich, Switzerland
5.	Concords (Group Des Hotels) Paris
6.	Steigenberger Hotels, Frankfurt, West Germany